

Workers' wages under public-works contracts
(SB 1011 by Barrientos/Stiles)

DIGEST: SB 1011 would have required a public entity to deduct from payment to a contractor any amount that should have been paid to the contractor's workers to meet the prevailing wage in the area. The public entity would have used these collected funds to pay the workers the difference between what they were paid and the prevailing wage. The public entity could have recovered any administrative costs associated with implementing the bill.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

The governor said the bill would have created an excessively burdensome administrative procedure for public entities that would have far outweighed the benefits received.

AUTHOR'S
VIEW:

Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos said the bill would have ensured that laborers cheated out of wages they had earned could receive fair compensation without any cost to the state. "I question why the governor, in his wisdom, would take the side of those contractors who cheat workers, instead of siding with the people who need help the most."

NOTES:

The House Research Organization analysis of SB 1011 appeared in the May 20, 1987 Daily Floor Report.